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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

TEA PARTY STRENGTH IN POLL SHOWS DESIRE FOR THIRD PARTY: LIBERTARIANS PROVIDE THE ANSWER

A recent poll taken by Rasmussen Reports found that Tea Party candidates beat Republicans in generic congressional match ups. The findings indicated Democrats polling 36% of the vote, followed by the Tea Party candidate with 23%, Republicans at 18% with 23% undecided.

The report also indicated that 41% of voters nationwide say Republicans and Democrats are so much alike that a new party is needed to represent the American people, and that 60% of voters not affiliated with either major party agree that a new party is needed.

Tea parties and similar events have been held in numerous American cities over the past couple of years. Members of the Libertarian Party of Illinois ("LP Illinois") have been instrumental in many of these gatherings:

- LP Illinois members coordinated and spoke at the fall 2008 Chicago Tax Protest
- LP Illinois members began organizing a 2009 Tax Day Tea Party BEFORE Rick Santelli called for it on television
- LP Illinois members helped to plan and coordinate the 2009 Chicago Independence Day Tea Party
- LP Illinois members coordinated and spoke at the 2009 Chicago End the Fed Rally

These demonstrations illustrate citizens' loss of patience with politics as usual. They were about excessive taxation and runaway spending and were grassroots efforts by those in favor of limited government. The Republican Party cannot lay claim to being for small government, with its tremendous growth and the passing of the PATRIOT Act during the administration of George W. Bush.

The answer lies with the Libertarian Party. For nearly 40 years, we have adhered to the ideals of limited government, lower taxes, personal freedom, individual responsibility and a non-interventionist foreign policy. We are the true alternative for voters looking for a new direction. With so many career politicians on both sides of the aisle remaining in office for decades, how can change ever be affected without a new landscape?

Despite unfair ballot access laws in the State of Illinois passed by the Democrats and Republicans which make it time consuming and expensive for third parties to appear on the ballot, LP Illinois fully expects to field a slate of energetic candidates for the 2010 state-wide elections. We welcome the debate and the opportunity to offer the answer so badly needed.

The Libertarian Party of Illinois is a political home for those who value honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility and compassion.